

RAPID DEPLOYMENT SEAT-BASED RELEASABLE SOFT RESTRAINT SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT

5 An apparatus and method for rapidly restraining a person for an extended
period of time at a seat are disclosed. The inventive apparatus includes a pair of
wrist cuff modules, each supplied with a releasable connector, configured to either
attach to existing hardware on one or more seats, or to a first interconnect for
releasably connecting the wrist cuff modules to one another behind the seat in
10 which the restrained person is positioned. A set of two ankle cuff modules with a
second interconnect and an elongated connection member secured to the second
interconnect is provided for securing the person's legs by applying the ankle cuff
modules to the ankles and then connecting the connection member to a seat. The
second interconnect may be provided with an optional quick release mechanism
15 that enables instant disconnection of the second interconnect from the ankle cuff
modules to immediately free the person's legs in case of an emergency.